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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DEPOSITION REQUEST

REF: STATE 279329

1. MOFA OFFICIAL (NUMATA) INFORMED EMBOFF EVENING DECEMBER 25 THAT GOJ HAS AGREED PERMIT TAKING OF DEPOSITION IN MANNER PROPOSED BY JUSTICE, I.E., WITH DEFENDANTS, THEIR COUNSEL, AND U.S. ATTORNEYS PRESENT, USING VIDEOTAPE. HOWEVER, PERMISSION WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONDITION THAT ACCEPTABLE SECURITY SAFEGUARDS BE DEvised FOR CUSTODY OF DEFENDANTS THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY IN JAPAN. MOFA OFFICIALS MEETING WITH MOJ AND NATIONAL POLICE TODAY TO THIS END.

2. NUMATA SAID GOJ WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO WORK OUT SECURITY DETAILS AND FURNISH FORMAL RESPONSE SETTING DATE FOR DEPOSITION IN TIME TO MEET DECEMBER 27 DEADLINE SET BY TRIAL JUDGE. HOWEVE, SINCE LOGISTICS OF SAFE-GUARDING DEFENDANTS' BEHAVIOR MAY PROVE DIFFICULT FOR MOJ AND POICE, HE SAID THERE IS POSSIBILITY DETAILS WILL NOT BE WORKED OUT BY DECEMBER 27. SHOULD MOFA'S MEETINGS WITH THEM TODAY INDICATE THAT TO BE LIKELY, NUMATA WILL INFORM EMBASSY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 27 (LOCAL TIME) AND WILL REQUEST EMBASSY TO ADVISE DEPART-MENT TO URGE U.S. ATTORNEYS ASK TRIAL JUDGE FOR ONE OR TWO DAY EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.

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